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Comment Set 32

April 12, 2006

Mr. Paul D. Thayer, Executive Officer
California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Thayer:

My predecessor, Dion Aroner, sent you the attached June 7, 2000 letter asking that a new lease for operation of Chevron's Long Wharf include mitigation by providing a Bay Trail linkage with the Point San Pablo Peninsula. As the Assembly member currently representing this district, I have recently learned that the February 2006 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Chevron Richmond Long Wharf Marine Terminal Lease Consideration does not recommend Bay Trail mitigation for the potentially adverse impacts of issuing the proposed new lease. Consideration of this mitigation is crucial to the completion of the Bay Trail in Richmond. We strongly encourage California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to work with the Attorney General's office to seek ways to require this mitigation.

There is a broad coalition of elected officials, regional agencies, citizen groups and organized labor asking that mitigation include provision of public access easements needed across Chevron lands in order to connect Richmond's neighborhoods with the City of Richmond's Point Molate property, as well as construction of the Option 2 trail identified in the July 31, 2001 Questa study managed by the City of Richmond with participation and partial funding by Chevron.

This mitigation is absolutely essential to ensure that the CSLC does not lock in another 30-year lease which would prevent closure of this critical Bay Trail gap. Pedestrian and bicyclist access to the Point San Pablo Peninsula, which is slated to become a major regional destination offering a diverse array of recreational opportunities with scenic, cultural and natural features of regional significance, is crucial. I am requesting the CSLC work to help close this gap in the planned Bay Trail route over the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

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Sincerely,

LONI HANCOCK
State Assemblywoman, District 14

Attachment - Dion Aroner 6/7/00 letter to Paul Thayer
cc: Bruce Beyaert - TRAC
Bob Doyle - EBRPD
David Lewis - STB
Robert Raburn - EBBC
Laura Thompson - ABAG

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Please see the first two paragraphs in the response to Comment 39-3 and Comment 3-15, respectively.